

Table 1. Distribution of doctoral scientists and engineers, by field of doctorate: 1997

Field of doctorate	Number	Percent
Total.....	582,100	100
Sciences.....	484,600	83
Computer and mathematical sciences.....	35,100	6
Computer/information sciences.....	8,100	1
Mathematical sciences.....	27,000	5
Biological and agricultural sciences.....	142,100	24
Agricultural/food sciences.....	18,500	3
Biological sciences.....	118,600	20
Environmental life sciences.....	5,000	1
Health sciences.....	18,900	3
Physical and related sciences.....	121,000	21
Chemistry except biochemistry.....	63,700	11
Earth/atmospheric/ocean sciences.....	17,200	3
Physics and astronomy.....	40,000	7
Social sciences.....	80,700	14
Economics.....	23,100	4
Political and related sciences.....	17,700	3
Sociology.....	15,000	3
Other social sciences.....	24,800	4
Psychology.....	86,900	15
Engineering.....	97,500	17
Aerospace/aeronautical engineering.....	4,200	1
Chemical engineering.....	14,000	2
Civil engineering.....	8,600	1
Electrical/computer engineering.....	26,000	4
Materials/metallurgical engineering.....	9,400	2
Mechanical engineering.....	11,900	2
Other engineering.....	23,300	4

NOTES: Numbers are rounded to nearest hundred. Percents are rounded to the whole number. Details may not add to totals because of rounding.

Survey of Doctorate Recipients includes persons who had earned a research doctorate from an U.S. institution and resided in U.S. as of April 1997.

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